

Formalising arrangements for off-site locations

It is important for the Ministry and the Education Review Office to know about all of the locations at which full time schooling is taking place across New Zealand to help ensure that our schooling system is effective and safe for our children and young people.

Source: Ministry of Education factsheet

Changes to the Act mean schools | kura need the Minister's approval for using an off-site location or hosting another school. Such arrangements must be formalised through a written agreement with the Secretary for Education.

This applies to schools that wish to use an off-site location to provide education to one or more students on a long-term or full-time basis as well as those wishing to host an off-site location for another school.

What do boards need to do?

Schools | kura seeking to gain approval need to contact their Ministry regional office.

What does the agreement with the Secretary for Education define?

- Responsibility for the provision of education at the off-site location
- Responsibility for welfare and safety of students at the location
- The terms agreed on any other matter the secretary considers relevant

Where do I find this in the Act?

Section 71A.

When do the changes take effect?

This provision took effect from 19 May 2017.

Where do I get advice?

NZSTA will continue to update and advise you through factsheets, newsletters, and our website.

You can call **0800 782 435** or email actupdates@nzsta.org.nz.